

## CUSTOMS BULGE OUR MONEY BAGS

Treasury Will End First Six Months With Big Surplus.

### MAY PAY CASH

There is reason to believe from information received at the Treasury Department yesterday that when the time comes, July 1 next, for the redemption of the outstanding 4 per cent bonds the Treasury Department will decide to pay cash for them rather than refund them into bonds at a lower rate of interest. There are \$15,000,000 of the fours outstanding.

Treasury officials at the close of business yesterday were able to calculate pretty closely on how the Treasury would stand at the end of the first six months of the current fiscal year. The six months' period will expire Monday.

The showing at the close of business yesterday was an excellent one. The surplus for the fiscal year thus far amounts to \$25,074,759. This is in marked contrast with a year ago, when the expenditures for the fiscal year to that time were \$8,358,609 more than the receipts.

### Internal Revenue Grows.

The customs receipts since June 30 have amounted to \$163,988,724, in comparison with \$149,141,135 for the corresponding period in the fiscal year 1905. This is a gain of nearly \$15,000,000 in the customs receipts thus far in the fiscal year. The internal revenue receipts similarly have grown from \$127,854,239 to \$137,581,155, or nearly \$10,000,000.

The total receipts thus far in the fiscal year have been \$326,497,352, or over \$25,000,000 heavier than the receipts of the corresponding period in 1905.

### December Big Month.

Some indication of the way the receipts are piling up is seen in the fact that for December alone, up to last night, the surplus was \$29,224.

Customs officials predict there will be no diminution in the present high tide of customs receipts the rest of the fiscal year.

Secretary Shaw is calculating on a fine surplus in the Treasury on June 30, amounting to about \$55,000,000. He will not be there to see it, but he looks for it, nevertheless.

## ARRANGING PLANS FOR STUDENTS' BALL

The committees having in charge the arrangements for the students' ball, to be held February 8, met at the home of the president of the board of lady managers of the George Washington University Hospital, Mrs. C. H. Ackert. Mrs. Charles J. Bell is chairman of the entertainment committee, and Mrs. Charles W. Needham, Mrs. Herman D. Wallbridge, Mrs. J. H. Crawford, Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. L. E. Lewis, Mrs. Stanford H. Taylor, Mrs. J. D. Young, and Mrs. Howard L. Hodgkins, chairman of sub-committees. Mrs. Wm. R. Vance is treasurer, and Mrs. D. K. Shute secretary of the ball committee.

The other members of this committee are: Mrs. H. Anderson, Mrs. Percy Ash, Mrs. George H. Brown, Mrs. Wm. Kearney Carr, Mrs. Mitchell Carroll, Mrs. J. M. Culp, Mrs. Frank L. Day, Mrs. Charles W. Fairfax, Mrs. J. F. A. King, Mrs. E. H. Newell, Mrs. Charles W. Richardson, Mrs. Herman Schoenfeld, Mrs. Herman Schreiner, Mrs. E. G. Seibert, Mrs. W. M. R. Stowell, Mrs. George W. Trowbridge, Mrs. H. C. Yarrow, and Mrs. C. W. A. Veditz. The following names of ladies, who have lately joined the hospital board, were added to the ball committee list at this meeting: Mrs. Wm. Van Zandt Cox, Mrs. C. E. Grunsky, and Mrs. C. E. Munroe.

## NEW ELDORADO EXCITES ENGLAND

King's Private Secretary Goes Into Siberian Mining.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The London stock market is excited over the great future promised by Siberia as a gold mining country. The prospect of a new Eldorado in Russia's eastern empire is so bright that a record boom has been produced here in the shares of a corporation that has been formed to exploit it. Although the company was only incorporated sixteen months ago, its shares are now at a premium of over 16; that is, the \$500,000 of original shares now represent \$832,500. The corporation is interested in two goldfields, the Orsk and Troltsk.

Lord Knollys, the king's private secretary, is a director of the corporation, as are also Lord Stanley, Earl Howe, and Lord Armstrong.

## KAISER IS EXPERT AS STAGE MANAGER

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Richard Strauss, who has produced "Salome" at the Royal Opera House, states that his work would never have appeared at all in Berlin if it had not been for the personal efforts of the Kaiser. He says the Kaiser was determined that it should appear, although the members of the court circles strongly disapproved of the opera.

Mr. Strauss says that the Kaiser did all the stage managing, suggested scenery, and mounting.

## SISTER WARNED IN DREAM OF HER BROTHER'S PERIL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A strange dream in which she saw her brother Philip injured in an accident came to Miss Mary Cameron early yesterday in her home near the United States Express office at the railroad station in Morristown, N. J. The girl awoke in fright. Her brother had not returned home from work as agent at the station.

Seized by a premonition of danger, the young woman hurried to the office. The blinds were drawn, but the lights still were shining inside. Going to the door, Miss Cameron heard stifled moans and

the sound of shuffling feet, indicating that a struggle was going on.

The girl screamed, and "Hurling Bill" Tall, the policeman guarding the station, responded. He threw his weight against the door, and it fell forward.

W. H. Hoyt, the express agent stationed at Madison, and a driver named Webber, had hold of Cameron, who was fighting madly, but unsuccessfully. The two men were beating him over the head, and he was losing strength.

Tall took hold of the two assailants, slammed them together with tremendous force—he is a powerful man—and then placed both under arrest. Hoyt and Webber were drunk.

## CASSATT CREPE UP, SPENCER'S DOWN

A touching and unusual coincidence was witnessed on Fifteenth street yesterday, when, just thirty days after the death of President Spencer, of the Southern railroad, employees were removing crepe from the office, several men were draping the Pennsylvania railroad office with the somber black out of respect to President Cassatt, who died suddenly yesterday.

### FEUDAL CHATEAU BURNED.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Fire has destroyed the Chateau du Pin, near Uzerech, together with the beautiful collection of old masters, manuscripts, and tapestries with which it was crammed. The chateau dated from the feudal times and belonged to the Counts de Baras.

## GERMANS OPPOSE PLAN FOR MEAT CONCESSIONS

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—The American Tariff Commissioners, who are here discussing with Germany commissioners the subject of a new commercial treaty between the United States and Germany, are endeavoring to secure concessions whereby American cattle may be eventually shipped to Hamburg, slaughtered there and the meat sold throughout Germany.

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## DINNERS FOR M. P.'S ONLY A SHILLING

House of Commons Kitchen Committee Provides Fine Bill of Fare.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The cheapest club in London is the house of commons. Labor members of modest means find that they have to pay no more, or perhaps less, for their meals in the parliamentary dining room than they would at the most expensive restaurants outside, and the prices are 50 per cent lower than in any West End club.

Soon after the meeting of the new parliament, with its host of members from humble life, the kitchen committee began to cater specially for them, and introduced a shilling (25 cents) dinner.

This includes a cut from the joint, two vegetables, bread, cheese, butter, and a choice of two sweets. Abstaining members can drink with it, water from a special artesian well, paying nothing for this, of course.

For 12 cents you may have half a bottle of claret, and for 20 cents half a bottle of a "vintage" wine.

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## QUEEN ENA NOW LOVED BY SPAIN

MADRID, Dec. 29.—The young queen of Spain is rapidly making herself loved by the people of Spain for her goodness of heart and her charity. She has recently ordered that one thousand pairs of shoes shall be served daily to the poor of the town at her expense. These ladies are to be continued all the winter.

## NAMES COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE

Secretary Straus Seeks Facts on Steerage Conditions Aboard Ship.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus has appointed a committee to begin at once an examination of the "passenger act of 1882," in its relations to steerage accommodations and of the laws of other nations on the same subject, and to examine the actual steerage conditions on the ocean steamers that bring immigrants to this country.

Designated to serve on the committee are Lawrence O. Murray, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Eugene T. Chamberlain, Commissioner of Navigation, and N. L. Stranahan, Collector of the Port of New York.

## COUNT GLEICHEN LEAVES FOR VISIT IN CANADA

Lieut. Col. Count Gleichen, military attaché of the British embassy, has gone to Canada to spend the holidays with friends, and on January 3 he will sail from New York for England, where he will shortly be promoted to colonel and given a regimental command. Count Gleichen obtained leave of absence for six weeks, to cover the remainder of his term of duty in Washington, which will not expire until the first of February. At that time he will be succeeded as military attaché here by Major James, of a Warwickshire regiment.

## STINGING REBUKE TO NAVAL SURGEON

Publicly Reprimanded on Being Found Guilty of Drunkenness.

A stinging rebuke has been administered by the new Secretary of the Navy, Metcalf, to Surgeon John H. Moore, U. S. N., who was recently tried and found guilty of the charge of "drunkenness on duty."

Secretary Metcalf says: "Every naval officer and especially a medical officer, whose use of intoxicants is carried to such an extent that his superiors cause him to be tried, and who is convicted of drunkenness on duty, should be sentenced to be dismissed from the navy and such sentence should be inexorably carried into execution. Whatever charity or assistance may be extended to such officers, should be given when they reach some other walk in life than the naval service. They are worthless members of the naval profession and should in every case be forced off the list of officers of the navy."

## MRS. CLINCH SMITH ENTERTAINS.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A brilliant assembly of Americans attended the musical "soiree" given a few days ago by Mrs. Clinch Smith. The chief attraction was Miss Mary Garden, whose singing in "Aphrodite" has caused such a sensation in Paris. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ruthven Pratt, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Getts, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gibson, the Marquise de Bernis, Mrs. Holt, Miss Stone, Vicomte de Jessaint, Miss Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Mrs. Sheldon, and Mrs. Ingraham.

## FINDS GIRL'S NOTE LOOKING FOR GOLD

Tin Can in Black Hills Leads to Prospector's Engagement.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 29.—A few weeks ago Benjamin Hurst, a young prospector, unearthed in the Black Hills west of here a rusty tin can containing a note scribbled in pencil by Miss Julia Demming, and buried by her twelve years ago.

As a result of the finding of the note, Hurst and Miss Demming are soon to be married. The note, written and buried in a spirit of fun by Miss Demming, read:

"Whoever finds this note will please the writer of it by advising her that he has unearthed it. Her address is Portland, Ore. JULIA DEMMING."

Hurst promptly wrote the young lady that he had found the note. A week or two later he received an answer to his letter written at Seattle, the present home of Miss Demming.

He wrote her again, she replied, and thus was begun a correspondence which grew into friendship, resulting finally in love and an engagement. Hurst is a young gold seeker who has spent the greater part of his life in the Western mountains.

## RUSSELL HELD FOR LARCENY.

Detective Hartigan has returned to Washington from New York city and reports that William G. Russell, wanted here to answer a charge of grand larceny, has been held under \$1,000 for the Washington authorities.

# Furniture of the Quality That Wears

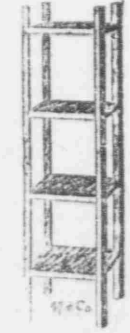
Furniture is something that should be bought to last a lifetime. Be sure you secure the best, as articles that will soon be worn out or destroyed are not cheap at any price. Make a comparison of qualities and prices before making your selections, and purchase where you can do so to the best advantage. Your dollar is worth as much to you as it is to anyone else.

Our large purchasing power enables us to secure merchandise of the highest grades at such prices as to make each article a genuine bargain. We allow nothing to enter our store that we cannot rely upon to give our customers full and lasting satisfaction. Our prices are all marked in plain figures—the lowest reliable merchandise can be sold, and you are invited to have your purchases charged. There are no notes and no interest charges whatever.

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## This Neatly Made Mission Rack.. 69c

Just like picture here shown. It is made of weathered oak, stands 42 inches high, is ten inches square, has four strongly made shelves, and is solidly put together with screws.

## "1900" Washers \$5.50

We want you to know for yourself the merits of these wonderful 1900 washers. A large supply has just been received from the factory and we will place them on sale at once at the regular factory price.

The "1900" Washer factory is the only factory in the world that devotes its entire time to the manufacture of washers. And the "1900" factory makes the best washers in the world.

Come down to the store this week and look at our four different styles of these famous washers. We will show you how you can wash a large tubful of clothes in six minutes; why the "1900" Washer does not wear the clothes nor tear all the buttons off as other "washing machines" do; we will tell you that we guarantee every washer we sell to give good service from four to fourteen years, according to the style; and show you how well the "1900" washers are constructed and why it is so much cheaper to buy a "1900" washer than it is to buy any other "machine" or to do without one.

We sell these washers on the regular factory terms, \$5.50 cash, or \$7.50 at the rate of 30 cents a week. Be sure you get the "1900" Washer, and accept no substitute.



For these "1900" Washers in the District of Columbia, the counties of Montgomery, and Prince George, Md., and Alexandria and Fairfax counties, Va. You can't get them anywhere else.

## We Are the Exclusive Agents

High Grade Pianos

Are you acquainted with the merits of the high-grade Byrnes, Schumann, and Wagner Pianos? You should not fail to investigate them before making your purchase.

We know that these pianos, for which we are the exclusive agents in Washington, represent the best money values of any pianos in the world. Made by the Byrnes Piano Company, which has had over 25 years valuable experience in the construction of high-grade instruments, and constructed of the best materials obtainable, they cannot help but give lasting satisfaction.



## We Want You to Investigate Our Piano at \$198

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Guaranteed Ten Years.

Stool, Scarf, and Tuning Free

## Toilet Sets

Pretty 10-piece Toilet Sets..... \$1.98

Very neatly designed ten-piece toilet sets; have fancy decorations, nicely shaped, and are finely glazed.

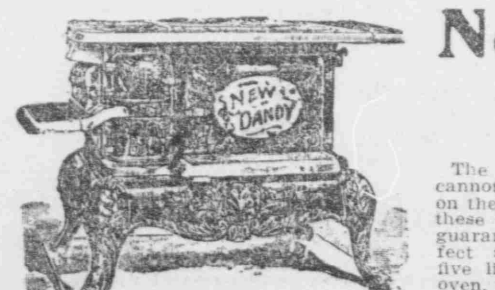
\$6.50 12-piece Toilet Sets..... \$4.69

Very handsome 12-piece toilet sets, including soap jar; finely shaped nicely glazed and decorated with gold.



New Dandy Cook Stoves

The New Dandy is a stove that cannot be surpassed by any stove on the market. We have handled these stoves for years and can guarantee every one to give perfect satisfaction. This New Dandy at \$9.98 has five lids, two extension shelves, oven, and is finely trimmed with nickel. We set all stoves up free of charge.



\$30 3-piece Parlor Suites..... \$19.98

Very finely made, handsome croch mahogany finish frames, panel backs, roll arms, and upholstered in fancy figured French velvet Verona velour.

Massive \$44 Parlor Suites..... \$31.69

Very heavily made three-piece Parlor suites, determined mahogany finish frames, high arms and backs, and backs and seats upholstered in figured silk damask.

\$6.50 Six-Foot Extension Tables..... \$4.29

Made of selected cabinet oak, extend to six feet in length, have five fluted legs, and are highly polished.

Fine \$11.00 Extension Tables..... \$8.25

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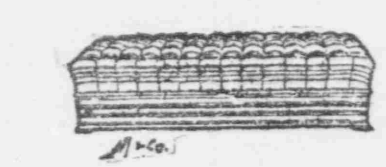


## Solid Oak Bedroom Suites.. \$12.98

Very nicely made three-piece Bed Room Suites; constructed of selected cabinet oak, bed has carved top, high head and foot; dresser has large beveled plate glass mirror, four drawers, brass trimmings; and washstand has two drawers and two cupboards.

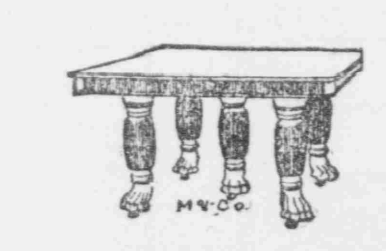
## Fine \$45 Bed-room Suites..... \$33.69

Made of finely figured American Quartered Oak, massive roll on both bed and dresser, carved headboard, large French plate glass mirror, four drawer dresser with swell front and brass trimmings, and neatly made swell-front washstand to match.



## Large \$12.00 Box Couches..... \$7.69

Nicely made box couches, have roomy interiors, good springs, button tufted tops and are upholstered in good quality denim.



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## Reasons Why You Should Insist On a McDougall Kitchen Cabinet

The average woman spends from six to eight hours a day in her kitchen, and fully half of this time is spent in carrying supplies or utensils between the kitchen table and the pantry or cupboard.

Of course a man wouldn't put up with this wasted effort in his office for a week. But women have been taught to believe they ought to, that the cheapest of furniture, utterly lacking in convenience, is good enough for the kitchen. Do you think that the cheapest of everything is good enough for the room in which you spend most of your time every day?

A McDougall Kitchen Cabinet will cut your work squarely in two, and will pay for itself in the food supplies it will save from being wasted through careless handling, dirt, or vermin.

But it must be a McDougall Kitchen Cabinet. The so-called "cheap" kitchen cabinets necessarily cannot have the careful workmanship and good seasoned material that goes into the manufacture of every McDougall Kitchen Cabinet. A cheap imitation may look "almost as good" at first, do fairly well for a year or two, but soon the joints will open, the drawers stick, dirt and vermin get into the supplies, and it will become a positive nuisance instead of a help.

McDougall Kitchen Cabinets are mouse-proof and dust proof, and built to last a lifetime.



## The McDougall Kitchen Cabinet at \$20

Is made of satin walnut, and finely finished with a patent wax finish. The table top is 27 by 44 inches square, and above this are plate racks, two large shelves, three small drawers, two cupboards, the McDougall Daily Reminder and Recipe File, and eight gold lacquered spice cans. Below the table top is a removable bread board, a large drawer, a 7 lb. gliding flour bin, and a spacious cupboard for pots, kettles, etc. Every part of the McDougall Kitchen Cabinet is easily removed and cleaned, and perfectly sanitary in construction.

20 Other Styles \$20 to \$69. We Are Exclusive Agents.

## Iron Beds

\$4 White Enameled Iron Beds..... \$2.95

Very strongly made Iron Beds, all sizes; have strong posts, heavy fillers, are neatly enameled in white and trimmed with brass knobs.

Fine \$10 Colonial Iron Beds..... \$6.98

Very handsomely made of heavy curved tubing, have continuous posts, high head and foot, heavy fillers, are enameled in white, blue, or green and trimmed with gold. All sizes, \$6.98.

## Dining Chairs

Solid Oak Cane Seat Dining Chairs..... 69c

Made of selected oak stock, have high backs, brace arms, turned spindles, cane seats, and are nicely polished.

Fine \$4 Quartered Oak Box Seat Chairs..... \$2.98

Made of handsomely marked quartered oak, carved panel backs, French legs, carved claw feet, saddle seats, and are highly polished.

## Chiffoniers

This Solid Oak Chiffonier..... \$3.85

Made of carved golden oak, like picture, has five deep drawers, locks and key, brass trimmings, and is highly polished.

Fine \$22.00 Quartered Oak Chiffonier..... \$16.39

Handsomely made of best quartered oak, has large French plate glass mirror, serpentine swell front, five deep drawers, brass trimmings, and high, hand-rubbed polish.

## Dinner Sets

\$11 100-piece Dinner Sets..... \$7.69

Very neatly made 100-piece Dinner Sets, have prettily shaped cups, saucers, etc., are highly glazed, and all decorations fired under the glass.

Fine \$17 Dinner Sets..... \$12.65

Very handsome 100-piece Dinner Sets, finely designed, new case decorations, trimmed with gold, and finely glazed.

